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RUIN FROM SOURCE TO MOUTH OF DELAWARE

BRIDGES, BUILDINGS, FENCES, CROPS, TREES, AND LAND TORN OUT AND SWEEP AWAY

The Whole Valley was Covered with a Raging Volume of Water. From the Hills of Pike to Those of Sussex the Roaring River Held Sway and was Covered With Almost every Conceivable kind of Debris. It was the Greatest Pumpkin Freshet ever Known in the Valley

SATURDAY, OCT. 10, 1903, WILL GO DOWN IN LOCAL HISTORY AS THE DATE OF A RECORD BREAKING FLOOD

Probably never since prehistoric times, when geologists insist the whole Delaware valley was a lake, has it so nearly approached its ancient appearance as it did last Saturday, Oct. 10th. The rain had fallen incessantly for over thirty-two hours, 9.90 inches being the record, and the river rose rapidly until Saturday noon when it attained its highest point which, according to marks, was 6 feet 2 inches above the highest water ever known, except in ice gorges, and 4 feet 1 inch above the mark from the gorge in 1888. The volume of water practically covered the entire flat land in the valley, sweeping away crops, tearing off the soil and in some places gouging out large holes in the fields. No pen can describe the effect of the water on the farms of August Metz, J. C. Wallace, Philip Walters and H. Stubendorff near Milford.

It appeared as if the main channel of the river had taken a new course over their lands and the result shows its fearful effects. The farms are practically all washed away, Metz and Walters lands are completely and irretrievably ruined. Great holes were made, thousands of loads of stone were carried on them and in places the sand was piled up several feet in thickness. The fruit trees are all torn out and such a scene of destruction cannot be imagined or described.

Walters' house was half submerged and Stubendorff's house was flooded above the first floor. His wagon house was undermined and sunk down in a large hole gouged out, his outbuildings and wagons were carried away.

The water came within four feet of the joists of the Delaware bridge. A large tree struck the chords on the Jersey span but the bridge was wholly uninjured. The water came in the toll house and Mr. Sayre concluded to vacate. Across the river Gumble's land and the farms adjoining were all several feet under water. About six acres of Gumble's flats were washed out, many of his trees torn up, and his barn filled with hay was carried off. All the crops of course are gone on the entire flat.

The water came up to the porch of Danman's house. At Schannock's the water rose almost to the top of the porch and persons could easily step from a boat to its roof. The bridge across the Raymondskill was completely submerged.

At the lower mill here the homes of Struble and Mrs. Van Auker were several feet under water and persons rowed in boats from the foot of Milford hill over across the iron bridge to Dingman township. The water was at least three feet on the bridge. Struble and Wolf lost about 9000 railroad ties and the small shop of Judge Klear was carried away.

At Warner's in Dingman the water up to the house, entered the barn and it was with difficulty the horses and cattle were saved. All down the river crops were swept away and farms partly washed out.

To enumerate the losses would be to make a list of every farm between Port Jervis and Bushkill.

The laundry at Back's Riverside Hotel was washed away.

The house of Benjamin Van Noy in Westfall was nearly undermined

by the bank caving and is rendered untenable. The farm of J. C. Aldrich was inundated and one of his fields badly washed.

Charles Marvin lost his corn crops. The island on the Klear farm is badly washed and in places piled high with sand.

In Delaware M. B. McCarty lost his corn, and part of the farm of H. M. Cortright was torn out. Much of his corn went with the rest.

All the islands in the river below here were flooded, and the crops washed away. George Warner lost nearly all his corn on the island.

At Port Jervis the Barret bridge was carried away. The water tore out the bank along the Pennsylvania side washed away the abutment and the structure tumbled in the river. It fell about 6 o'clock Saturday morning. Several people were on it at the time, all of whom except Theodore Durant, Stanly French, Benjamin Wimpress and Rev. Archangel, a Catholic priest, escaped. Durant fortunately caught on a large stump and some distance below struck out for the shore, which he succeeded in reaching, but the other three were drowned. Their bodies have since been recovered and were all lodged a short distance below.

Jacob Westfall was standing at the Matamoras end of the bridge when it went down and was caught by the cable which crushed his leg so badly that amputation was necessary. He did not survive the shock and died next day.

The New York abutment of the Milford and Matamoras railroad bridge was undermined and has settled inclining toward the river about four feet. The culvert on the Port Jervis side was also torn out. Several thousand tons of coal stored by the Erie on the flats have all washed away. The water ran through Germantown and Port Jervis flooding cellars and lower stories of buildings.

The bridges across the river at Reigelsville, Milford in New Jersey, Lambertville, Washington's Crossing and Yardley near Trenton were carried away by the flood, leaving only one structure between Trenton and Easton.

It is impossible to estimate the damage done by the flood in this valley. It is a scene of ruin to farmers and the crops with few exceptions are all swept away.

BARRIET BRIDGE CASUALTIES

Stanley French, Matamoras, head crushed by timbers and cables. Body recovered Sunday afternoon.

Jacob Westfall, Matamoras, left leg crushed and internal injuries. Died Saturday night.

Rev. Father Archangel, of Paterson, drowned. Body recovered Monday.

Benjamin Wimpress, Matamoras, drowned. Body recovered Monday.

Frances Teney, Port Jervis, died of convulsions occasioned by fright.

THOSE INJURED

Joseph Dilger, Matamoras, struck by cable. Back and leg wrenched.

Colonel Quick, neck cut by telephone wires.

Mr. Young, hand cut by cable.

Frank Wehinger, Port Jervis, leg broken and back injured by cable.

The largest tree in Oregon was felled recently to be sent as a curiosity to the World's Fair. It is the Aberdeen spruce, and stood nearly 300 feet high, 40 feet around and 112 feet from the ground to the first limb. Its age is calculated at 440 years, being a good sized tree when Columbus discovered the land that was afterward called America.

THE WASHINGTON LETTER.

Politicians here believe there will be no currency legislation until after the presidential election. Representative Hill, of Connecticut, ranking member of the last house committee on banking and currency, says that many republicans are discussing a plan of submitting the question of financial legislation to a joint committee which will investigate the needs of currency reforms and make recommendations to congress. The committee will either be named by congress or appointed by the president from members of both houses. It is believed that congress would pay little heed to a committee composed of outsiders. While it is not certain that congress would accept the recommendations of the committee, its appointment is regarded as a wise move for several reasons. It would give the republican factions an opportunity to argue their differences outside of the house, it might find a measure upon which they could all agree, and it would postpone any legislation on this difficult subject until after the presidential election. The party could thus go before the country without showing any lack of harmony. Secretary Shaw, Senator Aldrich and Representative Fowler all have different plans for currency reform. Speaker Cannon is not certain that any is needed, and the National Bankers' Association has recently appointed a committee to solve the problem. It is thought that these different interests should not be allowed to conflict in a session preceding a presidential campaign. It is for the same reason that even those republicans who favor it, have decided to postpone tariff revision. In the meantime Secretary Shaw is doing all he can to relieve any money stringency. Since September 1st he has placed in circulation a total of \$23,274,300. He has done this by increasing the government deposits in the national banks and by the refunding and redemption operations now in progress. It is hoped that the secretary can prevent a money stringency and thus remove all danger to the business world from the postponement of currency legislation.

With the adjournment last week of the Washington grand jury the first stage of the postal investigation was passed. There are now thirty persons awaiting trial on charges of defrauding the government through the post office department. Against many of them there are several indictments; Manben must answer to fifteen and Beavers to six. Among those accused are a former postmaster general and six others who hold important positions in the department, an ex-member of congress and a state senator from New York, a Pennsylvania mayor and a number of private citizens who furnished supplies to the department. Most of trials will take place in Washington and will begin this fall. They are expected to drag on through next summer. Mr. Bristow's report will soon be given to the president and the Postmaster General intimates that there will be several changes and dismissals in the department, made on the advice of those who have conducted the investigations. This will end the investigation as far as the department is concerned. It is regarded as certain that the republicans will call for a congressional investigation and as postal affairs are sure to enter politics the coming house committee on post offices and post roads will assume unusual importance. It is believed that Representative Overstreet of Indiana will be appointed to this important position, to which his experience as politician and skill as a party leader seem to entitle him. He is secretary of the national republican congressional committee. In this way the republicans believe they will be able to meet the expected assaults of the democrats on the post office department.

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Has a Ten Penny Nail Through his Hand. While opening a box, J. C. Mount, of Three Mile Bay, N. Y., ran a ten penny nail through the fleshy part of his hand. "I thought at once of all the pain and soreness this would cause me," he says, "and immediately applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and—consequently afterwards. To my surprise it removed all pain and soreness and the injured part was soon healed." For sale by Balch & Son, Matamoras, and all general stores in Pike county.

OBITUARY

MISS BERTHA BOYD

Bertha, a daughter of William L. and Jennie Boyd, died at her home on Broad street, this borough, Wednesday morning, October 14th, of consumption.

She was born in Delaware township January 19, 1882. She was a most exemplary character and a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal church, which she joined in 1898. She is survived by her parents, three sisters, May, wife of W. F. Book, Grace and Meda, and one brother, James E., all at home.

The funeral services will be held at the home tomorrow, Saturday, at 2 o'clock, Rev. Victor A. Wood officiating, and interment in Milford cemetery.

MRS. HANNAH J. DINGMAN

Hannah Beemer, widow of the late Solomon H. Dingman, died at the home of her step son, Albert S., in Delaware township Tuesday, October 13, aged about seventy years.

She was born near Deckertown, Sussex county, New Jersey, and was a daughter of Jacob and Zilla, Adams, Beemer, prominent people of that county. In the early seventies she married Mr. Dingman and since his death has resided in Delaware. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. E. M. Smead, were held today and interment in the Deckertown cemetery.

Buffalo Robes

Forty years ago buffalo robes were shipped in large quantities from Mackinaw, Detroit, Montreal, Hudson Bay, St. Louis, and other trading points. Perhaps a million of these robes in the aggregate were shipped each annually. In 1868, Imman, Sheridan and Custer rode continuously for three days through one herd of buffalo in the Arkansas region, and in 1869 trains on the Kansas Pacific were held from nine in the morning until six at night to permit the passage of a herd across the tracks. Army officers relate that in 1862 a herd that covered an area of 70 by 30 miles moved north from the Arkansas to the Yellowstone. Now there are not 1,000 head of the American buffalo in the United States. The passing of the buffalo is to be regretted, as the robes were a valuable article to commerce.

Matamoras Railroad Bridge

The New York abutment of the Milford and Matamoras railroad inclines four feet toward the river and the water in front of it is 15 feet deep. The footing of the arches hang beyond the abutment and the end of the structure is supported by the eye bar rods which rest on the masonry. It would seem to be in a very unsafe condition and likely to go down at any time. Now that the abutment will have to be taken down it might be of advantage to the company, and it certainly would be to the Matamoras shore, to add a span to the New York end. This would give the river more room at the point and would be of probable benefit to Port Jervis in future freshets or ice gorges.

Real Estate Transfers

Gertrude B. Beckley to Sarah L. Heffelfinger, 33750 square feet, Delaware, adjoining lands of J. Zimmerman, along public road, \$10.

Gustav Dunker to James De Gray, part of lots 68 and 71, Matamoras, \$400.

Delaware and Hudson Co. to Max Petzold, 126 acres, Lackawaxen, part of Proprietors' Manor, \$400.

Henry Plenkars to Paul Gross, 26 acres on Taylortown road, Lackawaxen, \$1.

Elizabeth Detlers to Adolphus Oberst, 101 acres, Greens, \$1.

Unclaimed Letters

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the post office at Milford for the week ending Oct. 17, 1903:

Mrs. E. T. Yardley, Miss Annie Krautick, Miss Alice Earnest, Miss Kissam, Miss E. J. Kohart (?), Frank Moor, John A. Roth, George W. Sarge, Thomas W. Egbert. Persons claiming the above will please say "Advertised" and give date of this list.

CHARLES LATTIMORE, P. M.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES

Born, Monday, Oct. 15, to F. W. Bonner and wife, at their home on Long Island, a son.

Mrs. Dr. H. M. King of Liberty, N. Y., visited her mother, Mrs. M. E. Pinchot, this week.

Mrs. William Whiting of White Plains, N. Y., is visiting with the family of F. F. White, on Fourth street.

Prof. Maxwell Sommerville and wife of Philadelphia, who have been spending the summer in France, will return to this country by the Kronprinz Wilhelm sailing Oct. 20.

R. P. Nills of Lehman was in town Tuesday. He reports a general loss of crops by the flood in that section and that farms were more or less damaged by the washing off of the soil.

The Clute family of New York left for their home Tuesday by way of Branchville, N. J. They expected to leave last week but were prevented by the storm and washouts on the Erie Railroad.

Mrs. Harry S. Mott of Washington, D. C., is reported seriously ill with Bright's disease, and her condition gives her friends here grave concern. She is a daughter of the venerable D. M. Van Auker.

Rev. Charles Beattie, for 32 years pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Middletown, has attended 750 funerals, 440 weddings, added 1040 members to the church roll and raised \$140,000 for various objects.

BRIEF MENTION

Paterson was again unfortunate. The flood losses are enormous.

It is said that Mrs. Roosevelt dresses on \$300 a year. We know of many women who dress on less.

A small section of ceiling in the court house fell last week being loosened by water coming in near the cupola.

The democrats have advertised a grand rally, with prominent speakers, next Tuesday evening at the Court House.

Sympathizers have donated \$50 in cash to Philip Walters, who has removed from his desolate place to the Armstrong farm in Milford township.

The covered bridge across the Delaware at Belvidere was washed off the piers. It was built in 1838, partly destroyed in 1841 and rebuilt the same year.

The dam of H. B. Wells in the Sawkill, which was nearly completed, was swept out and took with it the footbridge to the glen. The dam above the bridge near Seitz's was partly demolished.

Autumn leaves and wild berries are taking the place of the feathers and bodies of wild birds on the ladies' hats. Is this because of a wave of pity for the feathered songsters, or is it the more pre-emptory demand of Dame Fashion?

WAITING

I am watching for you, darling, Watching for you day by day. Up and down the streets, my darling Searching for you every way.

I am longing for you, darling, Oh to see your face one more, Would help to bear my lot, my darling, Help to heal this heart so sore.

I am loving you, my darling, Loving you as in the past. In those days gone by, my darling, Days that were too sweet to last.

I am waiting for you, darling, Waiting as the years roll by. We shall meet one more, my darling, For it is our destiny.

Watching, waiting, loving, longing, All these and long years we live. Parted far as time can sever Earth no joys to us can give.

But the future holds, my darling Happiness for you and me, For when'er we are together, There the sweetest joy will be.

Alexander Dowie having made a fortune in Chicago now wants to live in New York. Chicago will probably smother her pride and let New York have Dowie.

Confessions of a Priest

Rev. Jno. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from yellow jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all sorts of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that had me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for liver and kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by all druggists. Only 50c.

DO WOMEN WISH SUFFRAGE

Dr. Abbott's Arguments Casually Reviewed

This is not Dr. Lyman Abbott's article from the Atlantic Monthly. It is merely a brief statement of facts by a woman who does wish the suffrage. A statement of facts is something Dr. Abbott never makes when he writes on the suffrage question.

In the first place, women do want to vote. They prove this by voting as generally as men whenever they are given the right of suffrage. Many women think and say that they do not want to vote, and here are the reasons why:

1st. The average woman is sadly deficient in self-respect and in a sense of justice. Disfranchisement does not favor the development of these qualities, and women have been disfranchised so long that they submit weakly and tamely to injustice, and no indignation throbs their hearts when they read the words "idiots, lunatics, criminals, minors and—women." It seems to them perfectly natural and, on the whole, rather sweet and lovely that they should be ranked politically with idiots, lunatics, felons and children.

2nd. Women have for generations been taught that their best their highest empire, is to please men, and as men are said to dislike strong-minded women, women frequently choose to appear weak-minded in order to win the favor of men.

3rd. Woman suffrage is not yet fashionable enough to attract the masses of women. If the Associated Press should tomorrow send out a telegram announcing that the Four Hundred of New York and Newport were forming suffrage associations, and that it was good form to want to vote and bad form not to want to vote, in the course of a month the suffrage associations would outnumber the finch clubs and eucheir clubs, and the Atlantic would publish no more articles on Why Women Do Not Want the Suffrage.

Make woman suffrage pleasing to men and fashionable with society and the average woman will want to vote. But let a sense of justice, the spirit of a D. A. R., be roused in a woman, and with this her self-respect, and she will not care whether woman suffrage is popular or fashionable. She will want to vote and she will not be afraid or ashamed to say so.—Lida Calvert Obenchain.

Indian Relics Found

The land between Milford and the Delaware bridge looks as if the river had reclaimed what was at one time its possession. It is possible that this ages ago may have been the river bed. Over near where the burial ground once was, a spot of land was uncovered to the depth of three feet and there was discovered a pit filled with mussel shells among which were several pieces of Indian pottery. Perhaps it was their spot for clamcakes. This shows that at former times the level of the soil was considerably less than now and possibly the shell pit which is 300 or more feet from the bank may have been nearer the shore then. At all events there must have been overflows to bury it so far beneath the surface. The shells were perfect in shape but crumbled on being exposed to the air.

Park Loses Its Case

The Supreme Court Monday handed down an opinion reversing the decision of the Superior Court in the case of Commonwealth vs. Charles Hazen. This is the case in which the Blooming Grove Park Association prosecuted Hazen for killing a deer on its premises. The court here held certain sections of the Park's charter which were attacked in the proceedings to be unconstitutional. This ruling was reversed by the Superior Court and it has now been reversed by the Supreme Court. The specific points of reversal are not yet known.

Some idea of the world's progress in cheapening the cost of production in certain important activities is shown by the fact that the average cost of the sugar brought into the United States in 1870 was 5 cents a pound. Last year it was 2 cents.

How Old is Ann?

Mary is twenty-four years old. Mary is twice as old as Ann was when Mary was as old as Ann is now. How old is Ann?

The above funny little problem is occasioning no end of figuring. It has been worked by arithmetic, algebra, conic sections, surveying, differential and integral calculus and astronomy. You know Mary's age, but Ann's is—

Saves Two From Death

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland of Armonk, N. Y., "but, when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece, who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1.00 bottles guaranteed by all druggists. Trial bottles free.

THE RAMBLER'S PICKINGS

Did you ever see so much water as we had here last week? No. The oldest person living around here never saw such a flood in the Delaware. There is no use trying to describe the damage done, as every one knows just as much about it as we do.

When it comes to enterprise and trying to recover from a calamity, there are places where there is more push than here. There is too much red tape. The Delaware bridge company will now reap a harvest for awhile, while the Barrott bridge company can spend a little of its surplus.

Our local telephone company is mighty slow repairing its damaged lines.

The new rule laid down by the county commissioners regarding assessors seems to scare some. One resignation has been sent in already.

No doubt our town will be lively the coming two weeks. Court, institute and a democratic rally Tuesday evening.

By the death of Miss Bertha Boyd this town loses one of its most estimable young ladies. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the entire community.

The high water is causing some sudden and unexpected changes of residence.

Rambler must be excused for his short coming this week. The flood other troubles and disappointments have taken all the snap out of him for the present. But we expect to recover as it is always darkest before daylight.

The Editor of the Press was also disappointed. He expected to make a visit, but Providence interfered.

Trying to Parallell Cases

Some of our democratic contemporaries are attempting to show a case of parallel traditions in Mr. Roosevelt's and Mr. Cleveland's candidacy for the presidency. Mr. Roosevelt is desirous of securing what no man has attained before, election to the presidency after having filled an unexpired term of a predecessor; Mr. Cleveland if he aspires to a third term, likewise wants something that no other man has yet secured. Beyond the two men possibly wanting the same thing there is no similarity. There is no warning of any statesman, nor any good reason against electing to the presidency a man who has successfully filled out an unexpired term. On the other hand the argument is in favor of such a course where the man has acquitted himself well. The election of a man three times to the presidency is a far different thing. The first disaster from such a programme was George Washington, the first American, and many have since reiterated his belief. These warnings would confront Mr. Cleveland the moment of his nomination.

Evacuating Manchuria

October 8th has come and gone and Russia is still in Manchuria. It has made an opening for any number of "I told you so's," and they were not all confined to England. It is now stated that Russia will never evacuate Manchuria unless her latest demands are granted. As long as the open door of trade is maintained in Manchuria the American government, it is stated will evince no further interest in the matter. The great number of both Russian and Japanese warships in Korea attach decided interest to the situation.

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